CORRECTED FISCAL MEMORANDUM HB 2906 – SB 3307

May 13, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (018309): Prohibits any court costs, filing fees, litigation taxes or any other costs associated with an ex parte order of protection, order of protection, or a petition for either order from being borne by the petitioner.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Revenue – Less than \$50,000

Decrease Local Revenue - Less than \$50,000

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

On May 13, 2008, we issued a fiscal memorandum indicating *a not significant net impact to state revenue and local revenue.* Based on additional information from the Department of Finance and Administration, the fiscal impact of the bill as amended is as follows:

(CORRECTED)

State Revenue - Net Impact - Not Significant

Local Revenue - Net Impact - Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – According to the Department of Finance and Administration, due to ambiguity in current law, federal Stop Violence Against Women Act grant funds in the amount of \$4,165,000 may be jeopardized if this bill as amended is not enacted.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The proposed amendment includes ex parte orders of protection as ones in which the petitioner cannot be required to pay any filing fees, litigation taxes or other court costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration, service, appeal, or enforcement of an order of protection.
- Currently, few courts require these fees to be paid by the petitioners.
- The courts can still require these fees to be paid by the respondents.

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- The net impact to state and local revenue will not be significant.
- According to the Department of Finance and Administration, the state receives approximately \$4,165,000 from grants through the United States Department of Justice.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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